

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – August 6th, 2012

I. Call to Order

Jason Wendlandt called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, August 6th, 2012 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Jason Wendlandt, Grant Effertz, Carrie Miller, Mark Flugstad, Bob Christiansen, Amy Huett, Tod Deming, and Amy Christiansen.

Non-Board Members: Brad and Cathy Currier

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Grant Effertz and seconded by Amy Christiansen that we approve the minutes from July, 2012. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Old Business – Old

A. Bash recap

- 10U NAFA did almost as well as the Bash.
- Went very well. It was hard to get volunteers but ended up filling most spots.
- Rain caused some field problems and delays.
- Thursday (parade) caused some parking issues.
- Will need a new tournament director for NAFA next year.

B. Fall registration numbers

- We are planning on one 8U, three 10U, three 12U, two 14U and one 16U team. Numbers of pre-registrations are down but we are expecting many to register at tryouts on Tuesday. Likely will have enough players for two 16U teams. Still need 3 coaches.
- Recommend moving toward A, B, and C team alignment.
- Team selection committee will be Jason, Diana, Mark, Amy C. and Amy H. Will have teams posted by the end of the week.

C. Evaluations

- Finalizing a few spots to help with evaluations at tryouts
- Will request two batting cages for evaluations.

V. New Business

A. Dome teams registered

- Interest for dome should be indicated on the fall registration form.
- Will make sure dome forms are available at tryouts since some players may have missed it.
- Dome paperwork is due September 23rd. Tod registered 3 teams.

B. Coach appreciation night

- Budget was \$575 last year. More teams this year so cost will likely go up. Bob will book a place and time by mid-October.

C. Annual meeting notice planning

- Post cards will need to be done and approved by our next meeting so it can go out in the mail for October 1st meeting. Will also send via email.
- Expected open board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Commissioner, Marketing and Tournament Director. Perhaps a couple others.
- Board brainstormed a list of potential new board members.

VI. Directors Reports

A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt

- Recommended a mandatory coaches clinic each year to provide coaches with BFA expectations and tools to raise concerns.
- Free clinic was very successful. Approximately 30 kids attended. Most players were new to BFA.
- Pitching clinics ended in July. Will keep them going through the end of the fall season. Amy H. will talk with Julie Westbrook on keeping Friday nights. Recommend moving to Dred #2 to have the lights.
- Fall and winter open gym and clinic times have been booked.
- Would like to look into hiring a catching coach to supplement the pitching clinic.

B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke

- Via email: Fall Ball Coaches - We are still in need of a few heads and assistants.
- Recommend not allowing VP to coach and be the BFA coach liaison. It's too hard to coach, get around attending practices and giving the parents the chance to speak to the VP. Mike will not be looking to stay on as VP next year.
- Need to layout the tryout process, what criteria is used to pick teams, and what players/parents should expect when on each age and level.
- Recommend incorporating the following questions on the registration forms to get visibility into player expectations: What positions do you like or would like to play? Do you want to be considered for the highest level team if you may not get to play positions that you chose?
- Recommend incorporating live hitting into tryouts.
- Recommend that pitchers all need to have the same catcher and catchers need to all have the same pitcher.
- Recommend implementing a process that gives appropriate parental transparency to player evaluation scores.
- Recommend splitting the teams by skill level as opposed to equally. For example, if we have 4 teams, then we go A, B+, B- and C. Feedback is that it can be very frustrating for the top few players who just missed the A team to be playing with 3 of the. It's harder to run effective practices unless you have a broad skill level to work with. A smaller range of skill set gives the coach a little more ability to move them around in positions and batting order, without jeopardizing the chances to win as much.
- Recommend implementing A and B teams at 10U.

C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming

- NAFA tournament is expected to bring in approximately \$12K.
- Still need to pay volunteers.

D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller

- No report

E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad

- Need to clean out the shed.
- City is planning to tear down the shed at some point. Planning to put all tournament supplies at Dred #5.
- Shouldn't need to buy any equipment for the fall teams.

• Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen

- No report

F. Member Services & Membership Report: Diana Williams

- N/A

G. Marketing Report:

- No report

H. Player Development: Amy Huett

- No further report

I. Tournament Director: Amy Christiansen & Beth Johnson

- Will send out an optional post-season parent evaluations of coaches.
- September 15th is the Heritage Day parade. Working with Melissa on a plan.

J. Fundraising: Melissa Walter

- No update

K. Communications Director: Grant Effertz

- After the fall season, will sit down with Jason to create a master calendar of events.
- By the September meeting, we will have costs for field signs. Still need approval from the city.
- Need to get Clutch Hitters rosters.

L. Open Comments

VII. Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 1st, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt